

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants would like to sincerely thank Examiner Robert Rines for his courtesies and time spent with Applicants' undersigned attorney, Aaron Haleva, in a personal interview held on December 17, 2010 at the United States Patent Office. In the interview, the Examiner noted that the case was very close to allowance, and could be handled in an amendment after final rejection. The sole issue remaining open are the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicants' attorney proposed amendments to claims 8-12 and 17-20 (via amendments to independent claims 8 and 17) to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101. The Examiner agreed that if the claim element "calculating a deviance value based on the mean value and the standard deviation value for each of the plurality of predictive input variables" was amended to affirmatively recite that this element was performed by a data processor or a digital computer, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 would be overcome. The Examiner further advised that claim 13, already allowed, should also have the same format. Applicants' attorney agreed to so amend independent claims 8 and 17, and also so amend independent claim 13.